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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Nelson R. Holcomb et al.

Serial No.: 09/900,084

Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti

Filing Date: July 5, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1634

Title: A BUFFER COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR HYBRIDIZATION OF MICROARRAYS ON
ADSORBED POLYMER SILICEOUS SURFACES

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

Previously submitted:

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on May 9, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

Other _____.

Enclosed:

Amendment/Reply

Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Other _____.

Miscellaneous

Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.

The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

Other _____.

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(X) RCE filing fee \$740.00

(X) A Petition for Extension of Time

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() two months	\$400.00
() three months	\$920.00
() four months	\$1440.00

Please charge to Deposit Account 50-1078 the sum of *#860.00* *\$850.00* At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

(X) A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson R. Holcomb et al.

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OFFICIAL AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

An Advisory Action mailed May 3, 2003 was received for the above-referenced patent application. A one-month extension of time is requested in a Request for Continuing Examination that accompanies this Official Amendment. Therefore, the time for response is extended to July 11, 2003 relative to the date of the Final Office Action dated 3-11-03. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following Amendment.

A Certificate of Mailing is provided on the last page of this document and applies to this whole document, including Exhibits referenced herein.